

**CITY OF EAST ORANGE
THE EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, September 28, 2020

5:30 P.M.

(Minutes from the Meeting of September 14, 2020)

**CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES
City Council Chairman**

First Ward

**Christopher D. James
Amy Lewis**

Second Ward

**Christopher Awe
Brittany D. Claybrooks**

Third Ward

**Bergson Leneus
Vernon Pullins, Jr.**

Fourth Ward

**Casim L. Gomez
Tameika Garrett-Ward**

Fifth Ward

**Alicia Holman
Mustafa AL-M. Brent**



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The following minutes are of necessity, condensed and abridged and do not purport to contain the full contents of the matters discussed. The items referred are subject to legal opinion as to validity.

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING
September 14, 2020

The East Orange City Council met on September 14, 2020 at 5:46 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, and New Jersey. Adequate notice of such meeting was duly given in accordance with law, by publication in local newspapers and by posting on the bulletin board outside and within City Council Chambers.

On Roll Call the following Members of Council were present:
Casim L. Gomez; Jr.; Mustafa Al-M Brent; Tameika Garrett-Ward; Bergson Leneus; Alicia Holman;
Amy Lewis; Christopher Awe; Brittany Claybrooks; Christopher D. James

Absent
Vernon Pullins

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Solomon Steplight, City Administrator	City Administrator
Juan Uribe, CFO	Finance Department
Malee Wing, Corporation Counsel	Law Department
Romal Bullock, Director	Tax Assessor
Mark Barner, Director	Property Maintenance
Monique Griffith, Director	Health and Human Services
Daniel Jennings, Director	Planning
Carolyn R. Reed, Director	East Orange Public Library
Christopher Coke, Director	Public Works
Domingos Saldida, Director	Public Safety
Phyllis Bindi, Chief	Police Department
Andre Williams, Chief	Fire Department
Mabelteen Tucker, Director	Human Resources

ALSO PRESENT

Tony Jackson	Mayor’s Office
Muzammil Mohamed-Stevens	Public Works

OPEN HEARING OF CITIZENS

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 3 of the Rules of City Council, each person wishing to address the Council, shall step up to the microphone, shall give his/her name in an audible tone for the record and unless further time is granted by the Presiding Officer, shall limit remarks to three minutes.

All members of the public are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner. Any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.

COMMITTEES

100-ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
200-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING
300-FINANCE
400-HEALTH AND EDUCATION
500-HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION
600-LAW AND LEGISLATION
700-PLANNING AND GRANTS
800-PUBLIC SAFETY
900-PUBLIC WORKS
1000-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

100 - ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
TAMEIKA GARRETT-WARD-CHAIRWOMAN
Pullins, Brent, Lewis

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| 101. | Recreation Department | In Committee |
| 102. | East Orange Public Library | In Committee |
| 103. | Captain Raymond D. Garcia – Commendation | Resolution to be presented |

200 - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING
CASIM GOMEZ – CHAIRMAN
Awe, Claybrooks, Brent

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| 201. | Brick Church Mall | In Committee |
| 202. | Brick Church Urban Renewal | In Committee |
| 203. | Economic Development Corp. | In Committee |
| 204. | Board of Adjustment | In Committee |
| 205. | Community Development Corp. | In Committee |
| 206. | Sanford Evergreen Connector | In Committee |
| 207. | Resolution Authorizing a Tax Abatement to Corinthian Towers Preservation, LLC for the Preservation of an Affordable Housing Project Known as Corinthian Towers and Authorizing Various Other Documents Related There | Resolution to be presented |
| 208. | Resolution of the City of East Orange, In the County of Essex, New Jersey Authorizing a Community Benefits Agreement Between Brick Church Developers LLC and the City of East Orange | Resolution to be presented |
| 209. | Resolution of the City of East Orange, In the County of Essex, New Jersey Declaring an Emergency and Waiving the Estoppel Period for Ordinance Nos 31 of 2020, 32 of 2020 and 33 of 2020 Authorizing the Execution of Financial Agreements for Payments in Lieu of Taxes With Brick Church Urban Renewal I LLC, Brick Church Urban Renewal II LLC, Brick Church Urban Renewal III LLC, Brick Church Urban Renewal IV LLC, Brick Church Urban Renewal I LLC and Brick Church Urban Renewal VI LLC and Providing for Special Assessment of the Cost of Certain Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Environmental Remediation and Other Site Improvements in the Area of Block 683, Lot 1 | Resolution to be presented |

300 - FINANCE
CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN
Lewis, Pullins, Holman

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| 301. | Personnel | In Committee |
| 302. | Tax Refund | In Committee |
| 303. | Labor Negotiations | In Committee |
| 304. | Tax Revaluation | In Committee |
| 305. | Tax Sale Certificate | In Committee |
| 306. | In Rem Foreclosure | In Committee |
| 307. | Payroll No. 18 | Resolution to be presented |
| 308. | Stop Payments | In Committee |
| 309. | Legal Transfer | In Committee |
| 310. | Tax Payment Plan | In Committee |
| 311. | Tax Appeal Refunds | In Committee |
| 312. | Annual Tax Sale | In Committee |
| 313. | Tax Abatement | In Committee |
| 314. | In Lieu of Taxes | In Committee |
| 315. | Bills, Claims & Appropriations – September 14, 2020 | Resolution to be presented |
| 316. | Tax Sale Assignment | In Committee |

300 – FINANCE - Continued
CHRISTOPHER AWE – CHAIRMAN
Lewis, Pullins, Holman

317.	Tax Lien	In Committee
318.	Tax Lien Redemption	In Committee
319.	Budget Insertions	In Committee
320.	Status of Women	In Committee
321.	Auction	In Committee
322.	Duplicate Tax Payments - \$3,724.35	Resolution to be presented
323.	Miscellaneous Refund - \$112.00	Resolution to be presented
324.	State of New Jersey Department of Health HIV-Prevention Counseling and Testing Grant – \$47,228.00	Resolution to be presented
325.	State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families Substance Abuse – Project Hope Grant -\$258,200.00	Resolution to be presented
326.	State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program Grant- \$510,755.34	Resolution to be presented
327.	State of New Jersey Department of Human Services East Orange Substance Abuse Treatment Grant \$10,795.00	Resolution to be presented
328.	State of New Jersey Department of Health Childhood Lead Program Grant - \$60,590.00	Resolution to be presented

400 – HEALTH and EDUCATION
BERGSON LENEUS – CHAIRMAN
Garrett-Ward, Holman, Claybrooks

401.	Child Guidance Clinic	In Committee
402.	Health Department	In Committee
403.	Mental Health Board	In Committee
404.	East Orange General Hospital	In Committee
405.	East Orange Board of Education	In Committee
406.	Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Chest X-Ray Services Between the City of East Orange and East Orange General Hospital	Resolution to be presented
407.	Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Health Referral Services Between the City of East Orange and Newark Communities Health Center	Resolution to be presented
408.	Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of East Orange and Essex County Department of Health for the Purpose of Achieving the Needs of the HUD Lead Grant	Resolution to be presented
409.	Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of East Orange and Rutgers New Jersey Medical School's Department of Emergency Medicine Health Center for the Facilitation of Resident Physician Education	Resolution to be presented

500 – HOUSING, LICENSING AND INSPECTION
ALICIA HOLMAN – CHAIRWOMAN
Claybrooks, Gomez, Leneus

501.	Rent Leveling	In Committee
502.	Affordable Housing Program	In Committee
503.	Housing Authority	In Committee
504.	Housing, Planning & Coordinating	In Committee
505.	Private Parking Rentals	In Committee
506.	Senior Citizens Housing	In Committee
507.	Housing Summit	In Committee

700 – PLANNING and GRANTS
BRITTANY D. CLAYBROOKS – CHAIRWOMAN
Gomez, Leneus, Garrett-Ward

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| 701. | Community Development | In Committee |
| 702. | Safe and Clean | In Committee |
| 703. | Small Tools Library | In Committee |
| 704. | Green Acres Grant | In Committee |
| 705. | Women’s Summit in Committee | In Committee |

800 - PUBLIC SAFETY
AMY LEWIS – CHAIRWOMAN
Brent, Garrett-Ward, Pullins

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| 801. | Police Department | In Committee |
| 802. | Fire Department | In Committee |

900 - PUBLIC WORKS
MUSTAFA AL-BRENT – CHAIRMAN
Holman, Awe, Gomez

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| 901. | Capital Improvement Projects | Under Construction |
| 902. | Streetscape | In Committee |
| 903. | Resolution Authorizing the Designation of Restricted Parking Spaces | Resolution to be presented |
| 904. | Resolution Authorizing the City of East Orange to Exercise an Option to Extend Its Agreement with Suburban Disposal, Inc. for an Additional One-Year Option Period. | Resolution to be presented |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION
VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN
Leneus, Lewis, Awe

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| 601. | Ordinance on First Reading | In Committee |
| 602. | Ordinances on Second and Final Reading | <p><u>Ordinance No. 29 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance to Transfer City Owned Lots to Masjid As Habul Yameen Under the Auspices of N.J.S.A 40:12-21 et seq</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 30 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance Adopting the East Orange Scattered Sites Redevelopment Plan Pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A 40A-1 et seq</p> <p><u>Ordinance No. 31 of 2020</u>
An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of Financial Agreements for Payments in Lieu of Taxes with each of Brick Church Urban Renewal I LLC, Brick Church Urban Renewal II LLC, Brick Church Urban Renewal III LLC, Brick Church Urban Renewal IV LLC, Brick Church Urban Renewal V LLC, and Brick Church Urban Renewal VI LLC Pursuant to the Long Term Tax Exemption Law and the Redevelopment Area Bond Financing Law with Respect to 533 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, also Identified as Block 683, Lot 1, 15-33 Halsted Street, also Identified as Block 683, Lot 1.01, 505 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, also Identified as Block 683, Lot 4.01, 507 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, also Identified as Block 683, Lot 4.02, and 513-517 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, also Identified as Block 683, Lot 5, all in the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, and Authorizing Certain other Actions in Connection Therewith</p> |

600 - LAW AND LEGISLATION - Continued
VERNON PULLINS, JR. – CHAIRMAN
Leneus, Lewis, Awe

602. Ordinances on Second and Final Reading

Ordinance No. 32 of 2020

An Ordinance Providing for Special Assessment of the Cost of Certain Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Improvements and Environmental Remediation in the Area of 533 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, also Identified as Block 683, Lot 1, in the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Subsidy of Certain Non-Recourse Bonds or Notes to be Issued in Connection Therewith in an Amount not to Exceed \$9,5000,000, and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Agreements in Connection Therewith

Ordinance No. 33 of 2020

An Ordinance Providing for the Special Assessment of the Cost of Certain Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Environmental Remediation, and other Site Improvements in the Area of 533 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Also Identified as Block 683, Lot 1, in the City of East Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Subsidy of Certain Non-Recourse Bonds or Notes to be Issued in Connection Therewith in an Amount Not To Exceed \$11,000,000 and Authorizing the Execution of Certain Agreements in Connection Therewith

603. Bingo/Raffles

In Committee

604. A.B.C.

In Committee

605. City Council Rules

In Committee

606. Settlements

In Committee

607. Comcast/Suburban Cable Contract

In Committee

608. Taxi Cabs vs. Livery Licenses

In Committee

1000– COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1000. East Orange Parking Authority

In Committee

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:
Cynthia S. Brown, City Clerk



EAST ORANGE CITY COUNCIL Public Meeting Dates 2020

East Orange City Hall
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& Times / 5:30 PM COMMITTEE DISCUSSION & AGENDA MEETINGS
6:00 PM REGULAR OFFICIAL MEETINGS



Meetings are held every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month.
Residents are Encouraged to Attend.

In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Public Notice is hereby given that the East Orange City Council has established the following 2020 Meeting Dates.

Formal action may take place at these Meetings. Executive Sessions may be held at Committee Meetings or at Regular Meetings. The Meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 44 City Hall Plaza, East Orange, New Jersey. 07018

MONDAY, JANUARY 13th	TUESDAY, MAY 26th	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th
MONDAY, JANUARY 27th	MONDAY, JUNE 8th	MONDAY, OCTOBER 26th
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th	MONDAY, JUNE 22nd	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9th
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th	MONDAY, JULY 13th	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd
MONDAY, MARCH 9th	MONDAY, JULY 27th	MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th
MONDAY, MARCH 23rd	MONDAY, AUGUST 10th	MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th
MONDAY, APRIL 13th	MONDAY, AUGUST 24th	CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
MONDAY, APRIL 27th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th	
MONDAY, MAY 11th	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th	

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In accordance with Executive Order 107, the City of East Orange Offices are closed to the public.

For the safety of residents and employees, the Meetings of the East Orange City Council will be conducted via Video Conference, Streaming on Facebook Live-[facebook.com/eocitycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/eocitycouncil) until further notice.